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SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTS

The Department of Fish and Game (Department), through its Game Bird Heritage Program, the Tejon Ranch and the Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, are offering **free** spring wild turkey hunts. Providing hunter opportunity and hunter access are major goals of the Game Bird Heritage Program.

Tejon Ranch Hunt

Tejon Ranch is located south of Bakersfield in the Tehachapi Mountains. **Ten free guided hunts are scheduled for Juniors ONLY, three hunters on April 11, three hunters on April 13, two hunters on April 19 and two hunters on April 20, 2006.** The Department, in cooperation with Tejon Ranch, released the Merriam's subspecies of wild turkey on the Tejon Ranch in 1989. They have adapted well to the habitat, and large flocks now populate the ranch.

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area Hunt

The Millerton Lake State Recreation Area Hunt is located on the Fresno County side of Millerton Lake. **This hunt is not recommended for the novice or inexperienced hunter.** Hunting wild turkeys with archery equipment is considered extremely difficult, even by experienced archery turkey hunters. There are seven **archery-only** hunts. Each hunt is one-week long (seven days) and are scheduled for March 25-31, 2006, April 1-7, 2006, April 8-14, 2006, April 15-21, 2006, April 22-28, 2006, April 29-May 5, 2006 and May 6-14, 2006. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).

All hunters selected for this hunt will be required to attend a **mandatory** safety and orientation meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., at the Millerton Lake District Office. A special limit of one bearded turkey per hunter will be in effect during this special hunt. The hunting area has both walk-in and boat-in access. Hunters will be required to pay a \$7 State Parks and Recreation Area entrance fee per day (waived in lieu of a \$125 annual State Parks pass).

How to Apply

To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must submit in writing their choice of hunts listed in order of preference. Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing for one hunt only. Applications may include up to two hunters applying as a party. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for **yourself and your guest**: ① name, ② address, ③ daytime and evening telephone numbers, ④ 2005-2006 hunting license number and ⑤ hunt location (e.g., "Tejon"), and date in order of preference.

Hunters may only apply **once**, either as an applicant **or** as a guest for each hunt. Submitting multiple applications will disqualify you from the drawing. Please make your selection(s) **carefully**. Changes **cannot** be made after the drawing. Applications must be returned to:

Game Bird Heritage Program Turkey Hunts
Department of Fish and Game
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710

Applications must be **received** by Friday, March 3, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. Only successful applicants will be notified with additional information about their hunt. For additional information about the hunts, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Game Bird Heritage Program at (559) 243-4005, extension 133. The Game Bird Heritage Program, Tejon Ranch and Millerton Lake State Parks and Recreation Area are pleased to offer these special hunts to the public.

This information and application can be found by visiting the Department's web page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.

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Application on Reverse Side

Application for San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra Region 2006 Tejon Ranch and Millerton Lake Spring Wild Turkey Hunts

Please Print Clearly

All areas must be completed (including guest information, if bringing guest).
Incomplete Applications Will Be Rejected

Name

Last M. I.

First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)

Hunting License Number

No. - ☐ Check here if Junior hunter
☐ Check here if Lifetime License

Address

Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone

Daytime - - Extension

Evening - -

Guest Name (Hunter Only)

Last M. I.

First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)

Hunting License Number

No. - ☐ Check here if Junior hunter
☐ Check here if Lifetime License

Address

Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone

Daytime - - Extension

Evening - -

Return this application to:

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Application due at Department of Fish and Game on
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Or fax:
(559) 243-4022

Additional copies of this application can be found at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.



Selection Instructions:

Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or as a guest for each hunt. Select your hunts in order of preference, beginning with your first choice, by entering the corresponding hunt letter in box "1" as your first choice. An application may include up to eleven hunts. However, you and your guest will only be selected for one hunt.

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- A Tejon Ranch, April 11 (Juniors only)
- B Tejon Ranch, April 13 (Juniors only)
- C Tejon Ranch, April 19 (Juniors only)
- D Tejon Ranch, April 20 (Juniors only)
- E Millerton Lake, March 25-31 (Archery only)
- F Millerton Lake, April 1-7 (Archery only)
- G Millerton Lake, April 8-14 (Archery only)
- H Millerton Lake, April 15-21 (Archery only)
- I Millerton Lake, April 22-28 (Archery only)
- J Millerton Lake, April 29-May 5 (Archery only)
- K Millerton Lake, May 6-14 (Archery only)

